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In re Patent Application of

DE RENZIS Atty. Ref.: 3572-14

Fax: 703-816-4100

Serial No. 09/437,469 TC/A.U.: 2877

Filed: November 10, 1999 Examiner: A. Merlino

For: METHOD FOR MEASURING THE DISTANCE OF AN OBJECT

March 17, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE **OFFICE ACTION**

In accordance with MPEP 711.03(c) II and 37 CFR §1.181, please withdraw the holding of abandonment of the captioned application, based on failure to receive the Notice of Allowance. It is respectfully requested that the Office grant this Petition and remail the Notice of Allowance.

A Notice of Abandonment mailed February 24, 2006 alleged that the captioned application was abandoned for failure to pay the issue fee. Subsequently to receiving the Notice of Abandonment, the undersigned checked the Private PAIR website for the US Patent Office and discovered that the PTO website showed an entry for a Notice of Allowance allegedly mailed on October 6, 2005.

However, the Notice of Allowance was never received by the undersigned or at the undersigned's firm address. The undersigned has searched both electronic and paper files (e.g., file jacket) associated with this application and has found no evidence or indication whatsoever of receipt of a Notice of Allowance. Moreover, the undersigned has checked with his firm's docketing department, in which all official papers from the USPTO are processed, and confirmed that the Notice of Allowance was never received.

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In support of the representation of the preceding paragraph, the undersigned attaches true and accurate copies of the following:

- (1) File Jacket Cover, showing last docket entry to be filing of July 11, 2005 amendment;
- (2) Docketing Computer screen entries (3 sheets), showing last docket entry to be filing of July 11, 2005 amendment;
- (3) Docketing Department due date book for alleged issue fee due date of January 6, 2006, showing no entry having been made (and thus that there was no awareness of an issue fee being due on this date, such unawareness resulting from non-receipt of the Notice of Allowance).

Thus, the captioned application was unintentionally abandoned by failure to pay the issue fee responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed July, 2005, for reasons that the Notice of Allowance was never received by the undersigned's firm.

In view of MPEP 711.03(c) II and 37 CFR §1.181, no fee is attached or paid. Should the undersigned be mistaken and should fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for granting of this Petition and the continued pendency of the captioned application, including but not limited to any necessary extension of time, petition fees, or the like.

Respectfully submitted,

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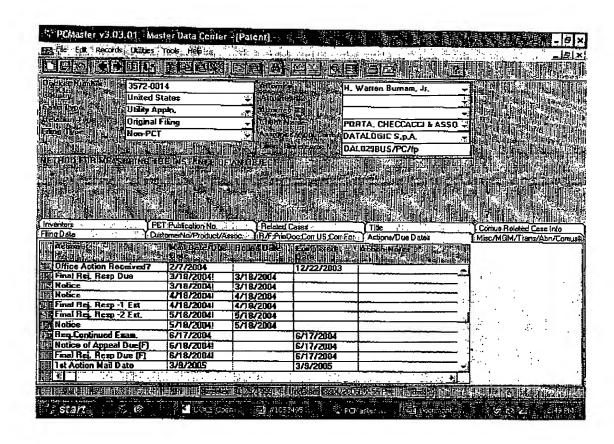
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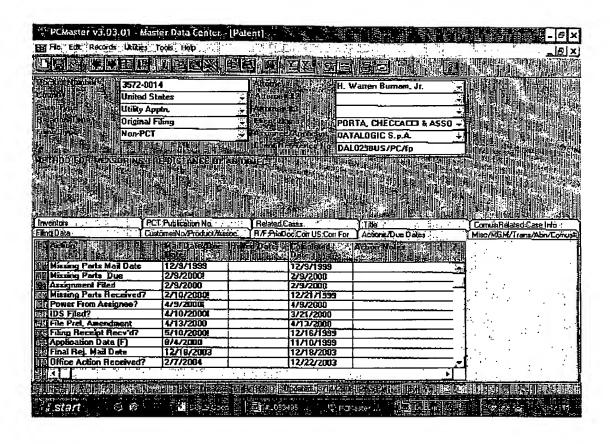
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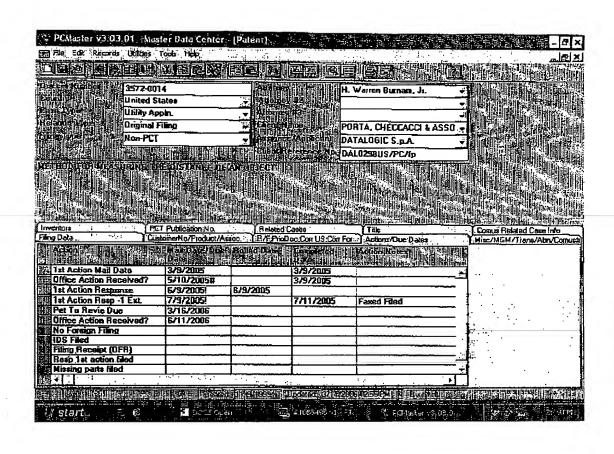
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